

widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

Luke 2. 22-40

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**Collection Plate:** the PCC has decided that there will no longer be a collection during the offertory hymn. Instead, collection plates will be placed at the entrance to the church to enable everyone to make their offering as they arrive. One plate will remain at the back of church until after the service has finished in case anyone wishes to make a donation on leaving. The first plate will be taken to the altar during the offertory hymn for the collection to be blessed.

Churchwarden Mike

**Sunday Reflection:** Every week, the Diocese of York offers a new reflection and prayer resource on [vimeo.com/dioceseforyork](http://vimeo.com/dioceseforyork). This Sunday, The Ven Amanda Bloor, Archdeacon of Cleveland, reflects on our Gospel reading for Candlemas.

**March to June Sunday morning duty rota** – Assistant Duty Leaders, Sidespersons, Intercessors and Tea/coffee Assistants are needed to lighten the load of current volunteers. If you feel you would like to join the rota team, please get in touch with Marg Rhodes before February 1st either by email [mandmrhodes@btinternet.com](mailto:mandmrhodes@btinternet.com) or telephone 01653 531339. Thank you.

### NEXT SUNDAY

Meet at Costa for Tea, Coffee, Cake & Chat at 3pm. Come along and see who is there. Maybe bring a friend and go to the Iona service afterwards?



Items for Weekly Sheet to:  
[helen.shaw59@btinternet.com](mailto:helen.shaw59@btinternet.com)

**Message from the Community Food Bank:** shortages are all the basics: tinned vegetables, tinned potatoes, tinned tomatoes, baked beans, tinned fruit, instant mash, jam, rice pudding, custard, packets of rice & coffee.

### P is for Pilgrim - children's trail at York Minster 10th - 18th Feb

Follow a special trail inspired by the Archbishop of York, Stephen Cottrell's new book "P is for Pilgrim" and discover York Minster this half-term. Suitable for children of all faiths and none, the trail is designed to help young adventurers spot Christian symbols and concepts as they explore the Minster and learn more about faith.

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## St Michael's Church, Malton

*The Church in the Market Place*

*We are a church, who invites and welcomes others,  
to journey together, growing in our love of Christ  
and deepening our relationship with Him.*

**28th  
January  
2024**

### Welcome to our service today

We welcome to Communion all baptized Christians. Coffee is served after the Parish Communion service; please stay for this and, if you are new to St Michael's, make yourself known to us.

### Collect

Almighty and ever-living God,  
clothed in majesty,  
whose beloved Son  
was this day presented in the Temple,  
in substance of our flesh:  
grant that we may be presented to you  
with pure and clean hearts,  
by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### Lego church



### Presentation of Christ in the Temple




### Prayer after Communion

Lord, you fulfilled the hope  
of Simeon and Anna, who lived to welcome  
the Messiah: may we, who have received  
these gifts beyond words,  
prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes  
to bring us to eternal life;  
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Website: [www.maltonbenefice.org.uk](http://www.maltonbenefice.org.uk)

**A big thank you to** Revd Canon Simon for leading our service today & Andrew Watson for leading the discussion after the service.

During Communion, the choir will sing “Brightest & Best of the Sons of the Morning” & Hymn 332. At the end of the service, Alison will play Paeon on “Divinium Mysterium by John Cook.



**HYMNS: 89, \*, 65 & \***


#### **BENEFICE PRAYERS WEEK 25**

Please pray for those who live or work in these roads: Back Lane, Greengate Flats, Maple Avenue, Pippin Road, The Maltings and Fox Covert Place.

**Another thank you:** to everyone who saved their used postage stamps over Christmas. Adrian has taken them to Oxfam and they are very grateful.

#### **Shrove Tuesday (13th February)**

Tracey is planning another one of her epic Pancake Parties and volunteers are needed for a variety of jobs: making pancakes, setting up, serving food & clearing up afterwards. If you'd like to get involved in the fun, please let Tracey know as soon as you can. Thank you



**Privacy Notice:** seating in the side aisles is designated a “video-free” area - out of range of our cameras.

#### **READINGS & DUTIES**

**Sunday 4th February at 9.30 am  
All-Age service**


Readings	Proverbs 8. 1, 22-31 Colossians 1. 15-20 John 1. 1-14
Duty Leader	Rob Hall
Assistant	Elaine Ramsey
Sidesperson	Sue Wright
Reader	TBC
Intercessions	TBC
Coffee	Connie Clark Marg Rhodes
Flowers	Rosie Miller

#### **SERVICES**

**Parish Communion** on Sundays at 9.30 am in church, except third Sunday of the month, when PC starts at 10.45 am and Rise & Shine (for families & children) is at 9.30 am. The All-Age service on the first Sunday is a non-Eucharistic service.


**Holy Communion** on Wednesdays at 10.30 am in church.

**Prayer Partners** will be running again during Lent. Look out for the forms in church on 4th & 11th February, if you would like to take part.



**Next Iona-style  
service is next**

**Sunday. Tea & cake  
afterwards. All welcome.**



## **Readings for Presentation of Christ in the Temple**

### **A reading from the book of the Prophet Malachi**

Thus says the Lord God: See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight – indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years. Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts. Malachi 3. 1-5

### **A reading from Paul's letter to the Hebrews**

Since the children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore, he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested. Hebrews 2. 14-18

### **Hear the Gospel of our Lord, according to Luke**

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. (As it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord') and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.' Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.' And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed – and a sword will pierce your own soul too.' There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a